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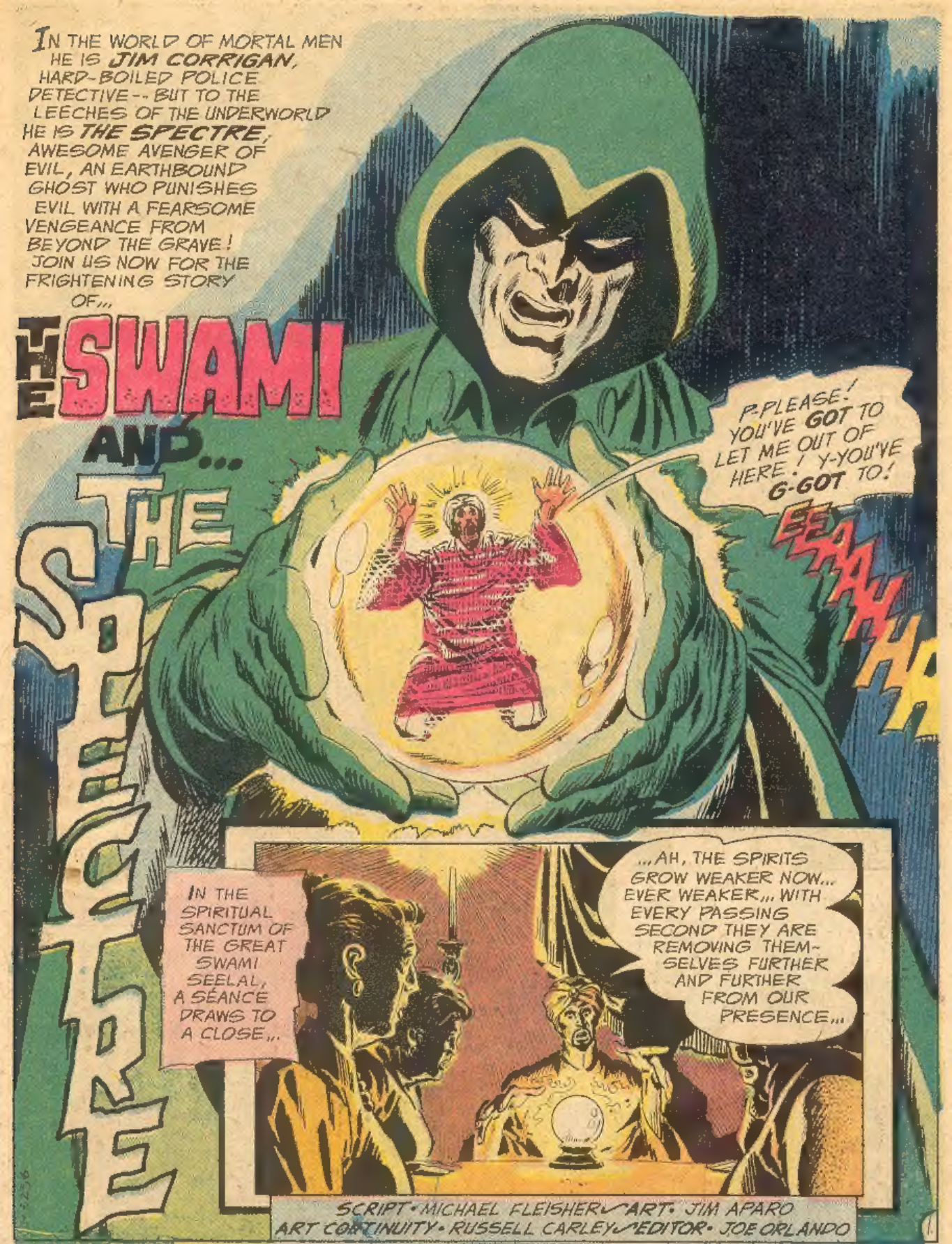
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,,,AH, THE SPIRITS GROW WEAKER NOW... EVER WEAKER,,, WITH EVERY PASSING SECOND THEY ARE REMOVING THEMSELVES FURTHER AND FURTHER FROM OUR PRESENCE,,,
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FOR TONIGHT, OUR COMMUNION WITH THEM IS... OVER--!
OH, SWAMI! YOU WERE MAGNIFICENT TONIGHT! SIMPLY MAGNIFICENT!
REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR DONATIONS NEXT TIME, LADIES, FOR ALTHOUGH THE FILTHY MONEY DISGUSTS ME PERSONALLY, WITHOUT IT OUR GREAT SPIRITUAL WORK COULD NOT POSSIBLY CONTINUE!
DON'T WORRY, SWAMI!
SWAMI, I'M SORRY, BUT MY HUSBAND REFUSES TO LET ME HAVE ANY MORE MONEY FOR YOUR GREAT WORK! HE REFUSES TO BELIEVE IN YOU, SWAMI!
HE CALLS YOU A FAKER AND A CON MAN!
I'VE TRIED TO SHOW HIM HOW BLIND HE IS, BUT HE WON'T LISTEN!
hmmm! THIS IS SERIOUS, MRS. VANDERGILT!
I'VE TRIED EVERYTHING, SWAMI! BUT HE'S SO PIGHEADED THAT--
HAVE YOU TOLD YOUR HUSBAND HOW HIS RASH CYNICISM RISKS UNLEASHING THE UNBRIDLED WRATH OF THE SPIRIT WORLD?
TRY NOT TO WORRY, MRS. VANDERGILT! TONIGHT I SHALL PERSONALLY INTERCEDE WITH THE SPIRIT WORLD ON HIS BEHALF! I SHALL IMPLORE THE SPIRITS TO OVERLOOK HIS NARROW-MINDED SKEPTICISM!

I ONLY PRAY THAT I CAN SAVE HIM FROM THEIR WRATH IN TIME!
OH, THANK YOU, SWAMI! GOODNIGHT!
PRESENTLY...
I'M AFRAID THAT ONE OF OUR SHEEP MAY BE ON THE VERGE OF LEAVING THE FOLD, SMILEY! IT SEEMS THAT MR. VANDERGILT HAS LOST FAITH IN OUR GREAT SPIRITUAL UNDERTAKING! AND WHERE THE VANDERGILTS GO, OTHERS MAY FOLLOW!
YA WANT THE SPIRIT WORLD SHOULD TEACH THE OLD GAWKER A LESSON, BOSS?
WHY, YES, SMILEY! YES I DO! I THINK A BIT OF RIGHTEOUS ANGER FROM THE ASTRAL REALM WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME!
AND SO, THE NEXT MORNING...
WELL, ERNIE, HOW'S IT GOING? THINK YOU'LL BE FINISHED ON SCHEDULE?
CAN'T SEE ANY REASON WHY NOT, MR. VANDERGILT!
ALL I GOTTA DO'S RELEASE THE EMERGENCY BRAKE AN'... WHAM! THAT'LL LEARN THAT VANDERGILT CHARACTER IT AIN'T SMART TO MESS WIT' THE OCCULT!
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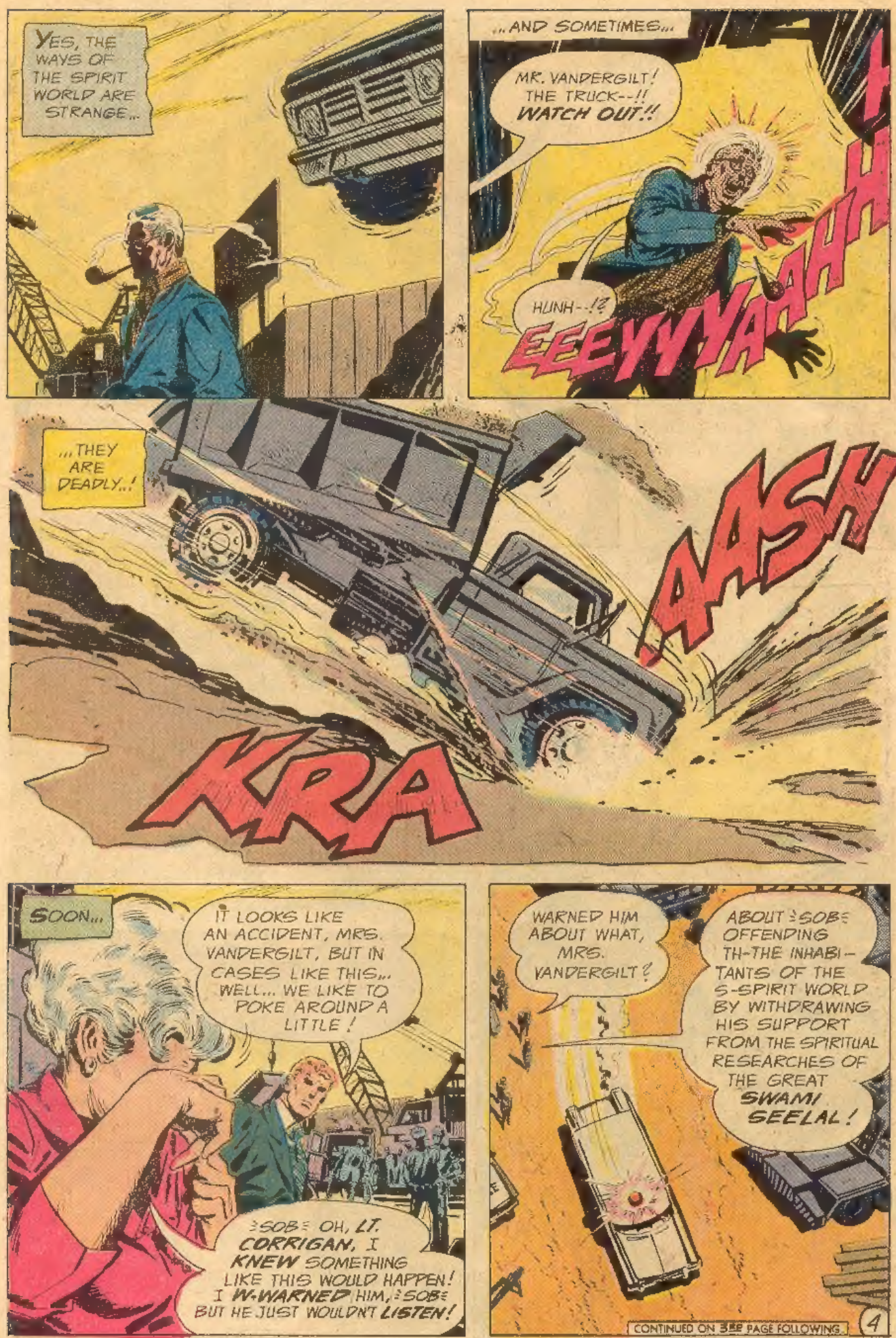
YES, THE WAYS OF THE SPIRIT WORLD ARE STRANGE...
...AND SOMETIMES...
MR. VANDERGILT! THE TRUCK--!! WATCH OUT!!
HUNH--!?
EEEYYYAAHH
...THEY ARE DEADLY...!
KRA
AASH
SOON...
IT LOOKS LIKE AN ACCIDENT, MRS. VANDERGILT, BUT IN CASES LIKE THIS... WELL... WE LIKE TO POKE AROUND A LITTLE!
SOB OH, LT. CORRIGAN, I KNEW SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD HAPPEN! I W-WARNED HIM, SOB BUT HE JUST WOULDN'T LISTEN!
WARNED HIM ABOUT WHAT, MRS. VANDERGILT?
ABOUT SOB OFFENDING TH-THE INHABI-TANTS OF THE S-SPIRIT WORLD BY WITHDRAWING HIS SUPPORT FROM THE SPIRITUAL RESEARCHES OF THE GREAT SWAMI SEELAL!
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SWAMI SEELAL!?! IS HE TIED UP IN THIS? WHY, HEADQUARTERS HAS A FILE ON THAT PHONEY AS BIG AS THE YELLOW PAGES! HE--
I'LL THANK YOU TO HOLD YOUR TONGUE, LIEUTENANT! SWAMI SEELAL IS A GREAT SPIRITUAL LEADER!
YEAH, WELL, UH, THANKS, MRS. VANDERGILT! YOU HAVE MY SINCEREST CONDOLENCES, BELIEVE ME--
--AS WELL AS MY PROMISE TO PAY A LITTLE SOCIAL CALL ON THE EXALTED SWAMI!
SOMETIME LATER...
OKAY, PUNJAB, OR WHATEVER YOU CALL YOURSELF! TAKE ME TO THE SWAMI!
SURE, LIEUTENANT! THE SWAMI WELCOMES ALL LOST SOULS--EVEN WHEN THEY'RE COPS!
AND SO...
MY ESTEEMED ASSISTANT INFORMS ME THAT YOU SEEK WORDS WITH ME, LT. CORRIGAN! HOW MAY I BE OF SERVICE TO YOU?
A MAN NAMED VANDERGILT WAS KILLED THIS MORNING, SEELAL--FLATTENED BY A RUNAWAY DUMP TRUCK!
THE LAB BOYS SAY IT WAS AN ACCIDENT--WHICH IS WHAT I THOUGHT UNTIL HIS WIDOW TOLD ME THAT HE DIED RIGHT AFTER HE STOPPED MAKING HIS REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUR PRIVATE SPIRITUAL SLUSH FUND!
HIS WIDOW--? YOU MEAN MRS. VANDERGILT! A FINE, FINE WOMAN! YES, SHE IS A MEMBER OF MY FLOCK!
BUT WHAT ARE YOU SUGGESTING, LIEUTENANT--THAT I MURDERED MR. VANDERGILT BECAUSE HE WITHDREW HIS SUPPORT FROM MY WORK?
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NO, NOT JUST YET I'M NOT! BUT I'M WARNING YOU, SEELAL, YOU TAKE ONE STEP OUT OF LINE... YOU SLIP UP JUST ONCE... AND I'M GOING TO NAIL YOUR HIDE TO THE WALL! REMEMBER THAT!
I WILL, LIEUTENANT! GOOD DAY!
YA WANT THE SPIRIT WORLD SHOULD LEAN ON THAT CREEP, BOSS?
NO NEED FOR THAT YET, SMILEY! CORRIGAN DOESN'T REALLY KNOW ANYTHING -- HE'S JUST FISHING! THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF TIME TO GET RID OF HIM... LATER!
LATER THAT AFTERNOON...
THIS IS GWENDOLYN STERLING, MASTER! SHE COMES SEEKING ASSISTANCE IN A GRAVE SPIRITUAL MATTER!
AH, YES, MY DEAR! HOW MAY I USE MY MODEST POWERS TO HELP YOU?
THIS IS GOING TO SOUND CRAZY, SWAMI, BUT SINCE YOU'RE KNOWN AS A RENOWNED MASTER OF THE OCCULT, I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP ME!
SHALL WE WALK, MISS STERLING?
SWAMI, I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH A MAN WHO'S... WELL... HE'S A GHOST! I MEAN, HE LOOKS HUMAN AND ALL! NO ONE KNOWS HE'S A GHOST...
...BUT SOMETIMES HE TURNS INTO THIS FRIGHTENING THING... INTO THIS GHOSTLY... SPECTRE!
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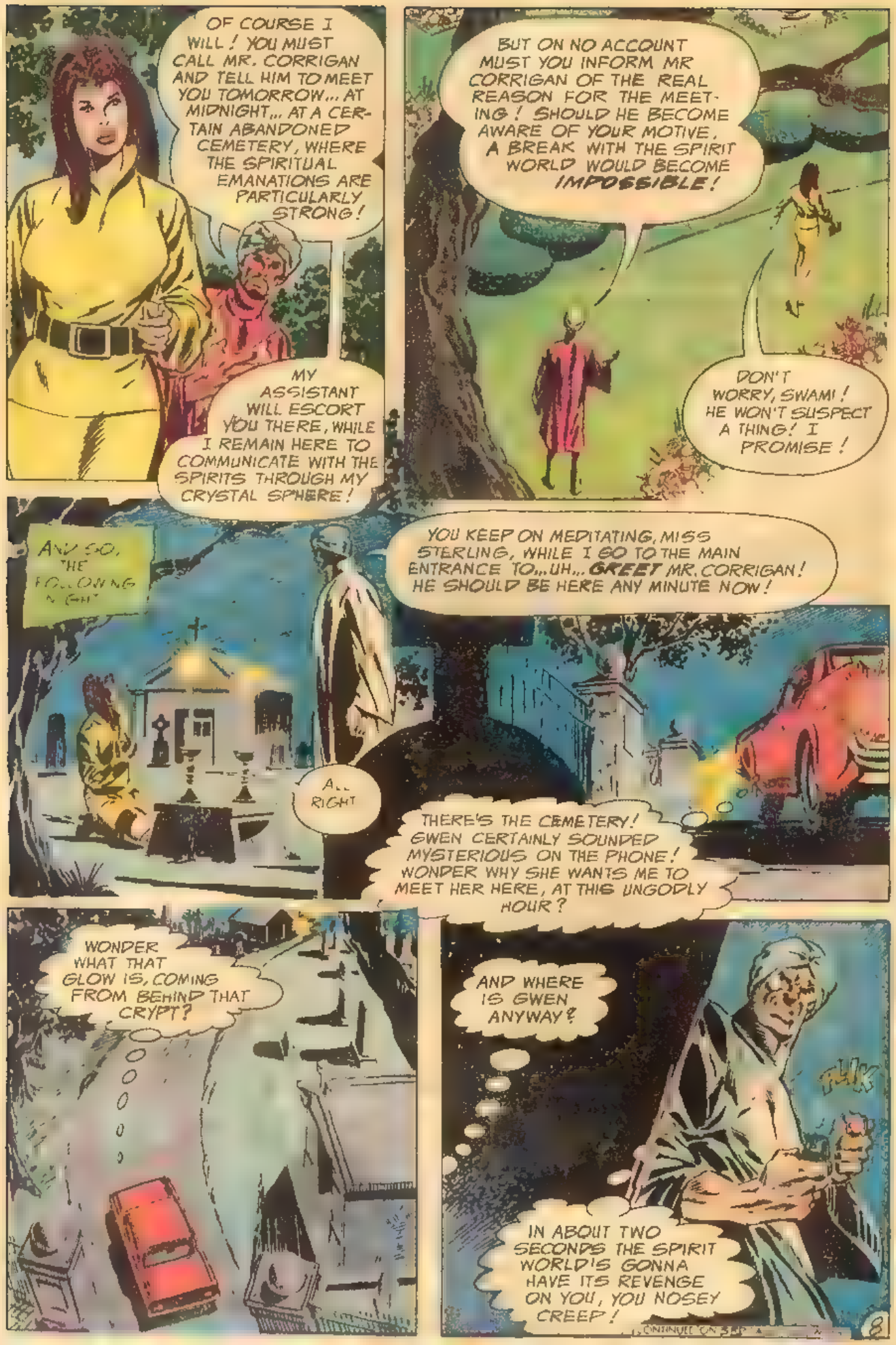
OH BROTHER! A COMPLETE FRUITCAKE!
UH... YES! BUT WHAT EXACTLY IS THE PROBLEM, MISS STERLING?
WELL, HE FEELS HE CAN'T LEAD A NORMAL LIFE--
--SO LONG AS HE REMAINS A... A... SPIRIT!
IS THERE ANY WAY HIS HUMANITY COULD BE RESTORED TO HIM SO THAT HE'D BE FREE TO BE-COME INVOLVED WITH ME?
UH, YES I THINK I CAN HELP YOU, BUT I FEAR THAT WHAT I MUST DO WILL INVOLVE GREAT... UH... EXPENSE, PERHAPS GREATER THAN--
OH, SWAMI, I'D PAY ANYTHING!
GOOD-- THAT'S VERY GOOD! YOU SEE, THERE IS A SACRED RITE WHICH COULD, IF PERFORMED PROPERLY, SEVER THE ASTRAL LINK THAT BINDS YOUR YOUNG MAN TO THE SPIRIT WORLD! ONCE FREED, HE WILL BE WHOLLY HUMAN, ALIVE, ONCE AGAIN!
BUT TELL ME, MY DEAR, WHO IS THIS YOUNG MAN?
I PROMISED NOT TO TELL ANY ONE, SWAMI, BUT I KNOW I CAN TRUST YOU! HE'S A DETECTIVE ON THE POLICE FORCE! HIS NAME IS JIM CORRIGAN!
JIM CORRI--!?!
HMM! THIS CHANGES THINGS A LITTLE! MAYBE I CAN BILK THIS IDIOT FEMALE AND DO AWAY WITH THAT PESKY COP CORRIGAN AT THE SAME TIME!
OH, SWAMI, WILL YOU HELP ME?


OF COURSE I WILL! YOU MUST CALL MR. CORRIGAN AND TELL HIM TO MEET YOU TOMORROW... AT MIDNIGHT... AT A CERTAIN ABANDONED CEMETERY, WHERE THE SPIRITUAL EMANATIONS ARE PARTICULARLY STRONG!
MY ASSISTANT WILL ESCORT YOU THERE, WHILE I REMAIN HERE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE SPIRITS THROUGH MY CRYSTAL SPHERE!
BUT ON NO ACCOUNT MUST YOU INFORM MR CORRIGAN OF THE REAL REASON FOR THE MEETING! SHOULD HE BECOME AWARE OF YOUR MOTIVE, A BREAK WITH THE SPIRIT WORLD WOULD BECOME IMPOSSIBLE!
DON'T WORRY, SWAMI! HE WON'T SUSPECT A THING! I PROMISE!
AND SO, THE FOLLOWING NIGHT
YOU KEEP ON MEDITATING, MISS STERLING, WHILE I GO TO THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO... UH... GREET MR. CORRIGAN! HE SHOULD BE HERE ANY MINUTE NOW!
ALL RIGHT
THERE'S THE CEMETERY! GWEN CERTAINLY SOUNDED MYSTERIOUS ON THE PHONE! WONDER WHY SHE WANTS ME TO MEET HER HERE, AT THIS UNGODLY HOUR?
WONDER WHAT THAT GLOW IS, COMING FROM BEHIND THAT CRYPT?
AND WHERE IS GWEN ANYWAY?
IN ABOUT TWO SECONDS THE SPIRIT WORLD'S GONNA HAVE ITS REVENGE ON YOU, YOU NOSEY CREEP!
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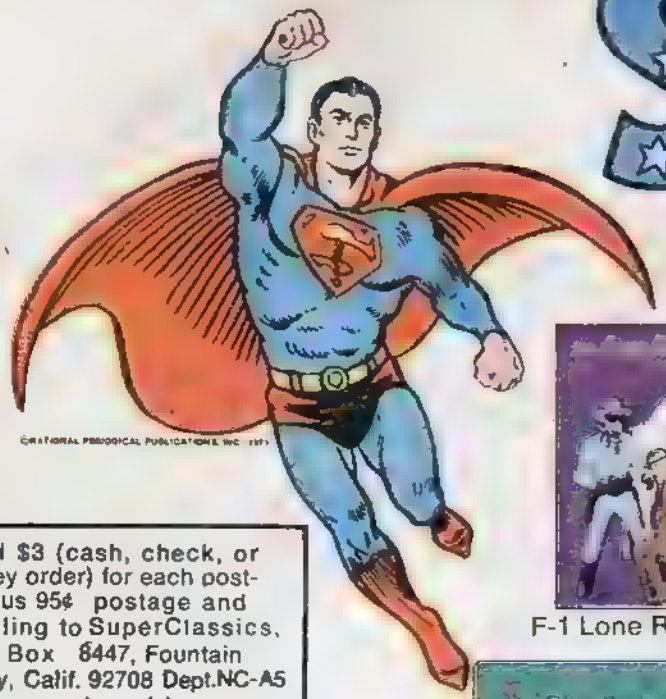

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WHA-?!
KABLAM
MOMENTS LATER..
WHAT ON EARTH WAS THAT EXPLO--
TH-THAT KNIFE! WH WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH-
SHUT UP, YA DUMB BROAD!
GWEN SUMMONED JIM CORRIGAN TO THIS ABANDONED CEMETERY--BUT NOW SHE HAS NEED OF... THE SPECTRE!
JIM! JIM! HELP!!
FORGET ABOUT HIM, GORGEOUS! YOUR BOYFRIEND'S A REAL SPOOK NOW!
BUT DON'T WORRY... I'M GONNA FIX IT SO YOU CAN JOIN HIM!
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NO, SMILEY ! IT IS YOU WHO ARE ABOUT TO DEPART THE MORTAL PLANE!
HUNH -!?! WH-WHO A-ARE YOU?
I AM CALLED... THE SPECTRE!
OHHH -
Y YOU'LL NEVER GET ME! I - IM GETTIN' OUTTA HERE!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S -
HUNH!? OH NO! GHOSTS! I'M SEEIN' GHOSTS!
N-NO! NO! STAY AWAY FROM ME! P-PLEASE!
EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEAAA

EEAAHH-!!
(COUGH COUGH)
EYYAAAHH
(CHOKE) -!!
EVEN THE SPIRITS OF THE LONG DEAD COULD NOT TOLERATE THE STENCH OF HIS EVIL !
AND NOW TO SPEAK WITH GWENDOLYN -- AS JIM CORRIGAN!
HELLO, GWEN !
OH, JIM! FORGIVE ME ! I'M SO SORRY ! I'M SO ASHAMED!
I WENT TO THE SWAMI BECAUSE I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE ... JUST MAYBE ... HE COULD HELP US ... HELP US ...
I UNDERSTAND, GWEN !
OH, JIM, THINGS WOULD BE SO WONDERFUL IF ONLY ... IF ONLY YOU WERE ...
... ALIVE ? I'M SORRY, GWEN, BUT I'M NOT ALIVE !
AND AS MUCH AS I CARE FOR YOU, A NORMAL LIFE CANNOT BE MINE --
-- SO LONG AS I HAVE MY UNEARTHLY MISSION ! REMEMBER THAT, GWEN! REMEMBER ...
OH JIM! JIM!
H-HE'S GONE !
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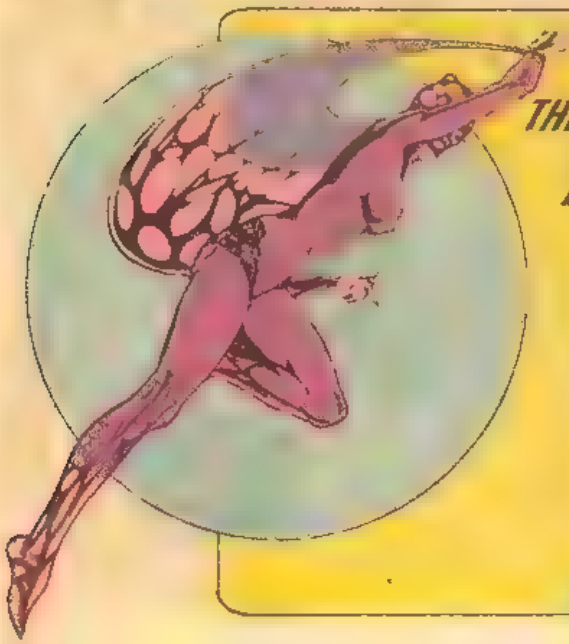

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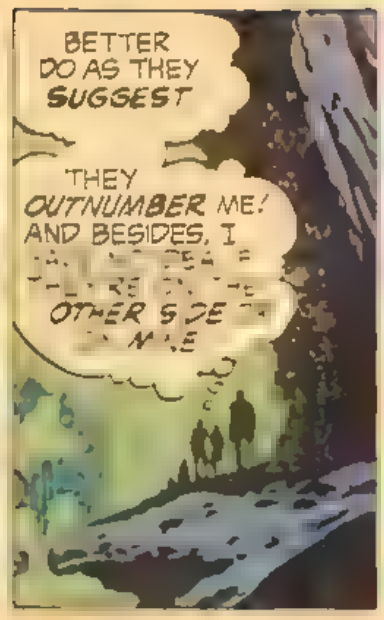

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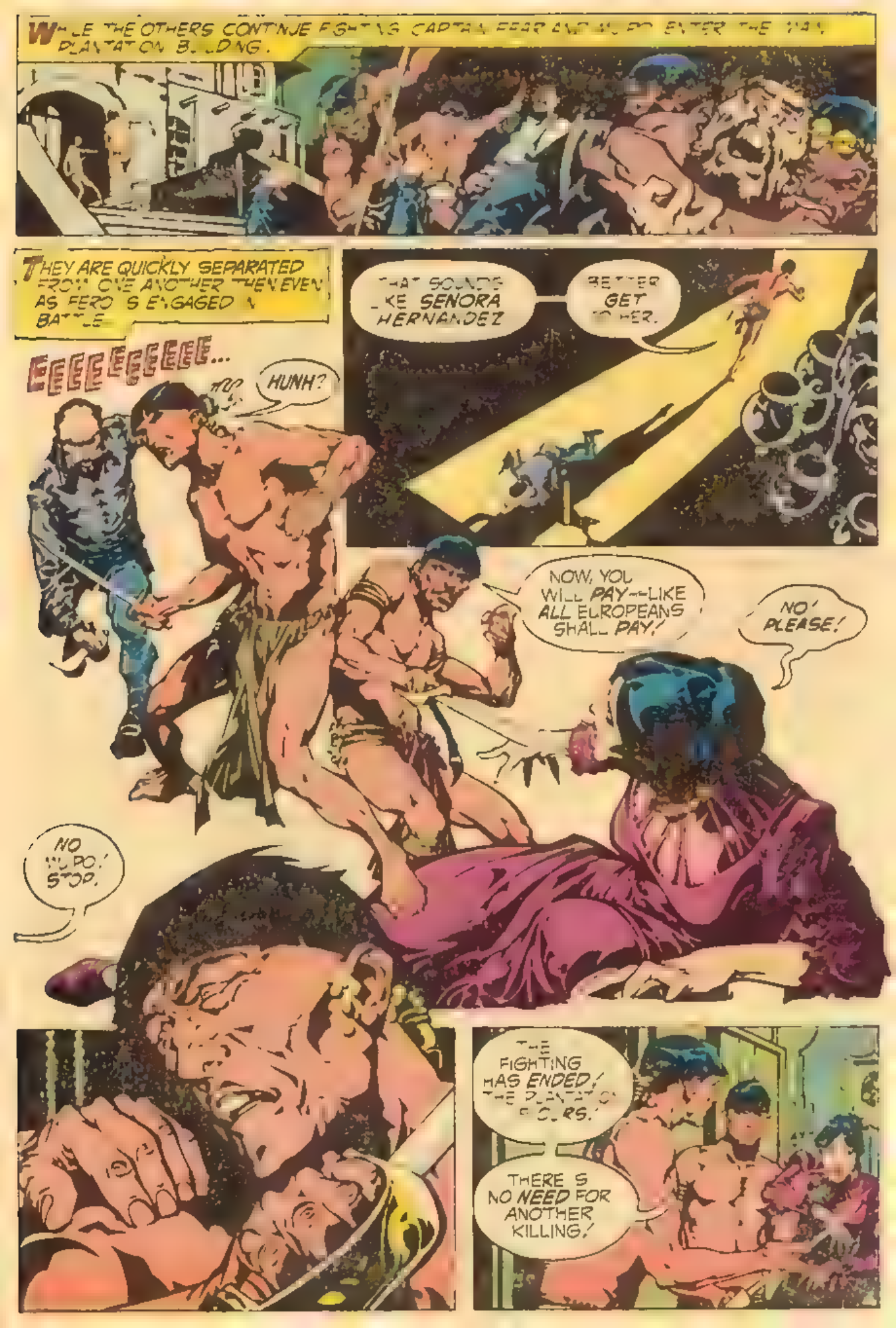
INDEED GOOD TO SEE YOU AFTER
BLACKS HERE WERE ALL ONCE SLAVES ON THE HERNANDEZ PLANTATION!
THEY ESCAPED AND THEY NOW PLAN REVENGE!

JUST AS I SEEK REVENGE, FOR THE WAY THE EUROPEANS SLAUGHTERED OUR PEOPLE TO TAKE POSSESSION OF OUR ISLAND!
ATTACK THE PLANTATION THIS NIGHT--
--DESTROY THE EUROPEANS AND TAKE POSSESSION OF THE HERNANDEZ PLANTATION!
YES, I AM WITH YOU! BUT YOUR PLAN DOES NOT SEEM TO GO FAR ENOUGH!
IF YOU TAKE POSSESSION OF THE PLANTATION, IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE THE OTHER EUROPEAN VILLAGERS ATTACK AND DESTROY YOU!
I BELIEVE I HAVE A MORE COMPLETE PLAN. LISTEN--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THEY ARE QUICKLY SEPARATED FROM ONE ANOTHER THEN EVEN AS FERRO IS ENGAGED IN BATTLE...
EEEEEEEEEE...
HUNH?
THAT SOUNDS LIKE SENORA HERNANDEZ
BETTER GET TO HER.
NOW, YOU WILL PAY--LIKE ALL EUROPEANS SHALL PAY!
NO, PLEASE!
NO PO! STOP.
THE FIGHTING HAS ENDED! THE PLANTATION OWNERS.
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NEED
MY
HAS ANYONE GONE TO SECURE ANY OF HER LATE HUSBAND'S CLOTHING!?
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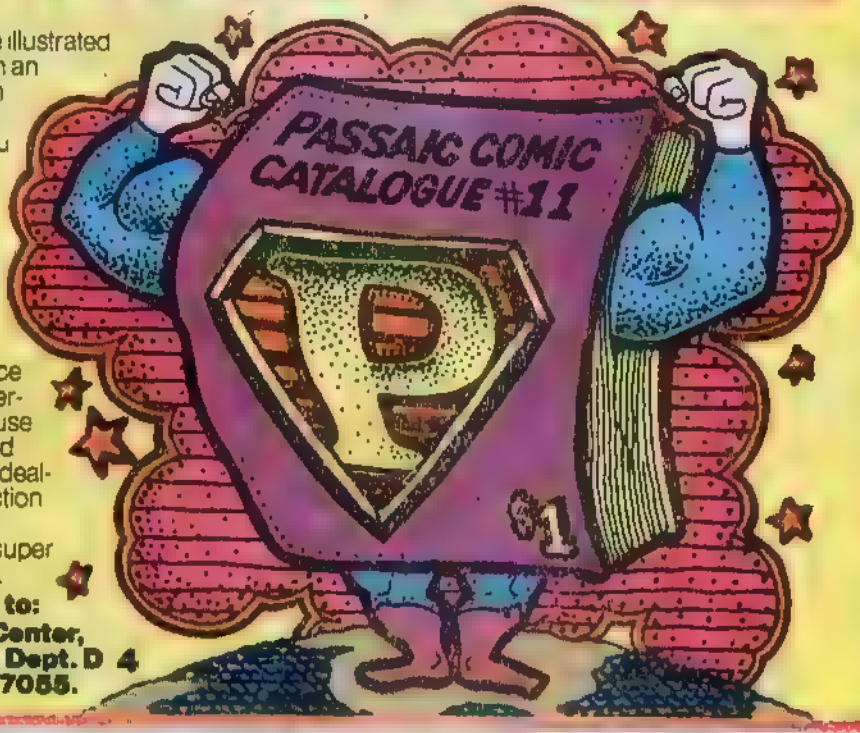

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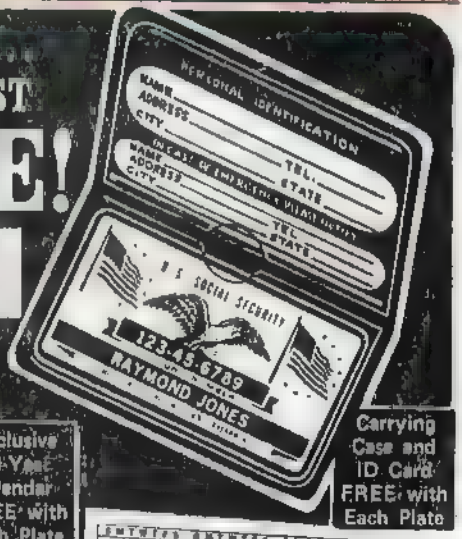

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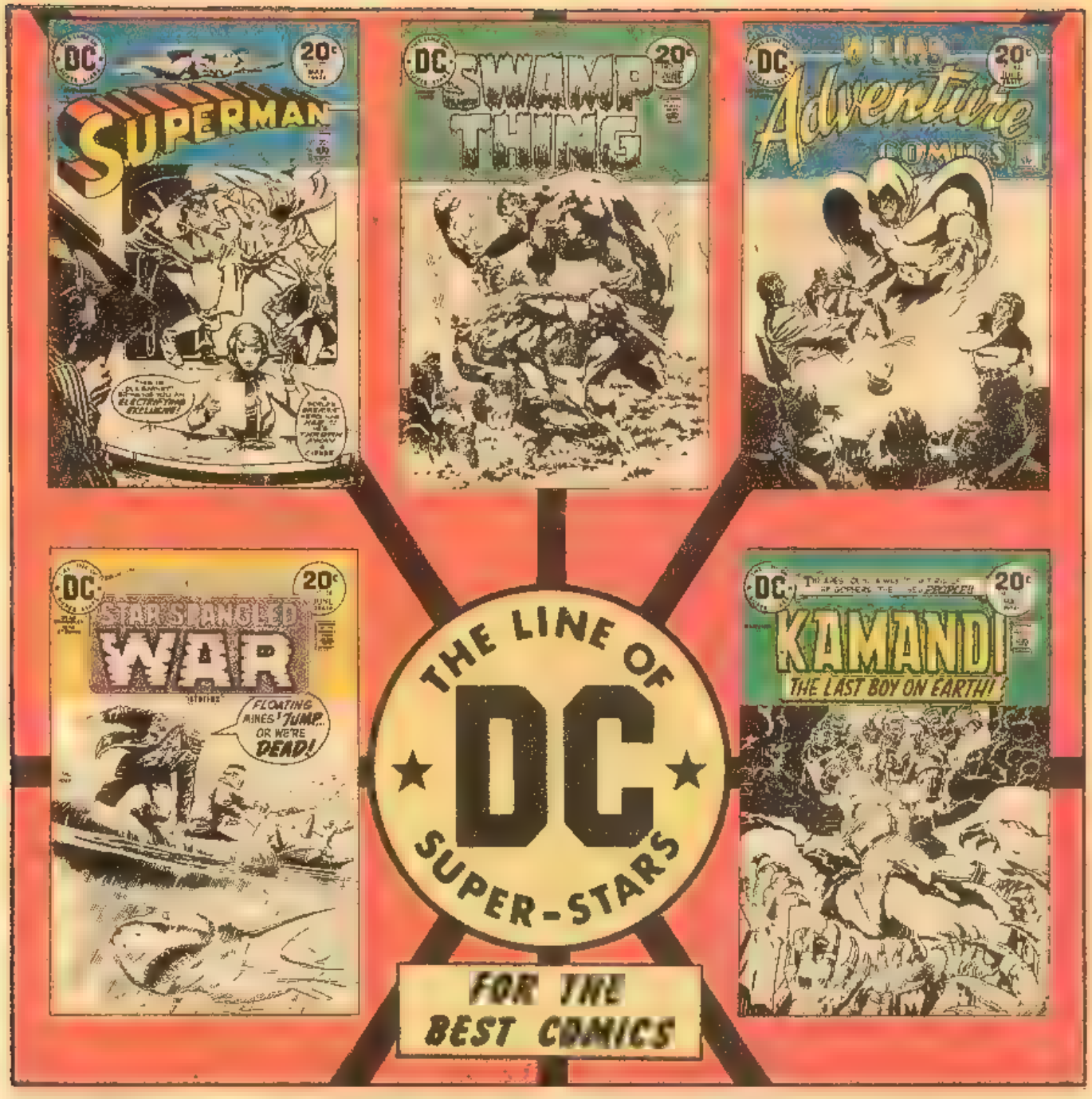

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Dear Joe,

Congrats, Joe! I picked up Adventure #431 today and I noticed that Adventure Comics was beginning its *fortieth* year of publication! It's good to see that the oldest comic in existence is still one of the best. How about using this occasion to give us a sneak preview of what to expect from the ever-changing Adventure in the near future?

Paul Kupperberg, Brooklyn, New York

Well, for the future of Adventure Comics we're turning to the past! Beginning in two or three issues (depending on scheduling) there will be a serialized new adventure of the Seven Soldiers of Victory—a group of Golden Age greats who met up with the Justice League about two years ago, in JLA #100-102. In our move to 75 Rockefeller Plaza, we discovered a hitherto unpublished script dating back to about 1945, and we assigned it to a half-dozen of our favorite artists. As for other plans, watch the answers to the following letters.

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Dear Joe,

I've noticed that you have a controversy on your hands about the "new" Adventure Comics. I think your most promising new feature is the Adventurers' Club, but it needs some development. There could be a more select group of Adventurers, each of whom could relate a new tale each issue. Chairman of the Board Strong would do this in some issues. This could work out very well, but it should be a "straight" adventure series—lizard-headed men are for the weird mags.

David Hulbert, St. Paul Park, Minn.

As any other reader of our magazines well knows, our specialty is the mysterious and the weird, and that tends to influence any strip we edit—from the Adventurers' Club to The Spectre. However, we think you're right that more straight Adventure is needed in AC. So Shelly Mayer is hard at work on a new, longer (we'll resist the temptation to say improved) Adventurers' Club adventure — scheduled for a near future issue.

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Dear Joe,

I read in a recent "Behind The Scenes" column that you are planning a Spectre series for Adventure Comics. If this means that the three Deadman stories you promised us will appear elsewhere, I would like to know where. If it means that they won't appear at all, then you have one angry fan on your hands (and probably many more).

Michael Sloan, Canaan, New Hampshire

The proposed Deadman series didn't work out too well, so it was put on the shelf for the time being. But don't get all worked up, Boston Brand will pop up in the pages of Adventure one of these days.

Dear Editor,

To dub the Black Orchid the most sensational comic character to have evolved in the last decade would be stretching things a bit far, but she is, without a doubt, the best thing to hit Adventure Comics since the Legion of Super-Heroes. And that's pretty heavy praise in my book. Keep her. Make her a regular feature in Adventure Comics. And find some other character you like (Deadman, Black Canary, Thorn, Spectre) and let that hero(ine) have the rest of the book. And quit shuffling strips around! You've made Adventure more or less the magazine that Showcase used to be. Don't. Once you've established regular strips in Adventure, then turn your attention to Showcase.

In fact, that's not a bad idea. Look into reviving Showcase. That would be an excellent place to give Captain Fear the time and attention he needs and deserves. His current status of occasional 7-page flings isn't getting him anywhere. You also might give some thought to devoting an issue or two to the Vigilante.

Scott Gibson, Sterling, Colo.

Showcase is not the model for Adventure, nor are we really that interested in reviving it. We'd like to find a good, strong, and permanent cover/lead feature for Adventure and then play around with the back-features. It's taken quite a while, but the Spectre may be that character.

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Dear Joe,

I like the new Adventure. I like the Black Orchid, Captain Fear, and the Vigilante (not the Adventurers' Club) but I would really like to see new Aquaman stories by Steve Skeates and Jim Aparo. They both work for you, so why not?

Paul Edwards, North Bellmore, New York

Aquaman is swimming his way towards Adventure, although rather slowly since there are a few other projects that have to come first (the three mentioned on this page, for instance). We haven't picked an artist yet, though. Since Jim Aparo is already working at full capacity, we were considering Ramona Fradon, who worked on the series for about ten years. Steve Skeates definitely will be scripting it, either way.

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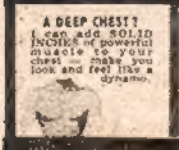

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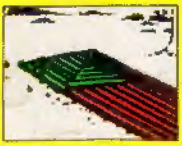
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